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Government Hospital, Tindivanam.

* 584 *Q.*—SRI M. VENUGOPALA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the average number of in-patients treated in the Government Hospital at Tindivanam for 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" 32, Sir."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Are the Government aware that the bed-strength of that hospital is insufficient to meet the demand and will they increase it by constructing an additional ward? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have repeatedly said that the average number of in-patients in almost all Government hospitals is more than the sanctioned bed-strength. According to the necessities of the case, the bed-strength is increased from time to time."

11-10 a.m. **SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR :**—" ஆஸ்பத்திரியில் சிகிச்சை பெறும் நோயாளிகளுக்கு ' பெனிஸிலின் ' போன்ற ஊசி போடவேண்டியிருக்கும்போது, நோயாளிகளே அதற்கான மருந்துகளை வாங்கித் தரவேண்டும் என்று டாக்டர்கள் வற்புறுத்துகிறார்கள். அப்படிப்பட்ட ஊசி மருந்துகள் நோயாளிகளுக்கு இலவசமாகக் கிடைக்க சர்க்கார் ஆஸ்பத்திரி அதிகாரிகளுக்கு உத்தரவு பிறப்பிப்பார்களா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question."

" Lovers' Path " in the Marina.

* 585 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the cost of construction of the " Lovers' Path " in the Marina; and

(*b*) the subsidy paid by the Government to the Corporation towards the maintenance of the " Lovers' Path "?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) ' The Lovers' Path ' has been in existence for nearly 40 years and there is no information as to the exact amount spent on its construction.

" (*b*) The ' Lovers' Path ' forms part of the Marina Gardens now under the administrative control of and maintenance by the State Public Works Department and the question of any subsidy to the Corporation of Madras does not arise."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Is this ' Lovers' Path ' intended only for lovers who go on loving without being married or do married couples who do not love one another also use this? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The hon. Member is free to put any sort of construction he chooses on the term ' Lovers' Path '."

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SRI A. RAMASAMI TEVAR :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether he has got personal experience in this respect? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I am afraid the hon. Member is better fitted to experiment it than myself." (Laughter.)

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" Will the Hon. Minister state the origin of this name? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I cannot say anything about the origin of this name. It has been in existence for forty years. Some European officer in his romantic days (laughter) must have named it as 'Lovers' Path'."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" இதுவரையில் கேள்வி கேட்ட அங்கத்தினர்களெல்லோரும் அனேகமாக 40 வயதுக்கு மேற்பட்டவர்களே. 'காதலர்கள் பாதை' என்றால் என்னவென்று 30-வயது அங்கத்தினர்கள் தெரிந்துகொள்ள விரும்புகிறார்கள்."

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" அதைப்பற்றி நான் ஒன்றும் சொல்வதற்கு முடியவில்லை."

Reorganization of the producers'-cum-consumers' co-operative societies, Malabar district.

* 586 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have under contemplation any proposals regarding the future working of the producers'-*cum*-consumers' co-operative societies in the Malabar district after their relief from the work of distribution of foodgrains; and

(*b*) if so, what these proposals are?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The administrative control over such of the producers'-*cum*-consumers' co-operative societies, which have given up foodgrains business and which have cleared the entire dues of the Government is being transferred by the Collector of Malabar to the Co-operative department either for transformation into other normal type of co-operative institution or for liquidation as the case may be. Several producers'-*cum*-consumers' co-operative societies in Malabar district recently requested the Government that they might be converted into multi-purposes societies with limited liability. The Government, after examining the matter in consultation with the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, found it was not possible to comply with the request of the societies."